

**STANISLAUS COUNTY**  
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Dan Souza  
Behavioral Health &  
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John Walker, MD  
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Health Services Agency

Representative  
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Commission Meeting Minutes  
March 26, 2002  
Stanislaus County Office of Education  
Board Room, Second Floor  
1100 H. Street  
Modesto, Ca.

Members Present: Nathaniel Green, Chair, Sallie Perez, Vice Chair, Bea Acosta, John Walker, M.D., Kathy Kohrman, Larry Poaster, Ph.D, Pat Paul, Dan Souza.

Staff Present: Noe Paramo, Executive Director, Dan Rosas, Staff Services Coordinator, Brenda Priest-O'Brien, Accountant, MaryCruz Vargas, Confidential Assistant, Mick Krausnick, Counsel.

I. Meeting called to order by Chair Green.

Brenda Priest-O'Brien was introduced to the Commission.

II. Public Comment

Linda Avedon with United Way shared information about a Prop. 10 funding display set up in the boardroom. The display featured pictures of equipment and supplies from Prop. 10 recipients and how the grants are helping children in the community.

Linda Butterfield from the Stanislaus County Child Development Training Consortium gave an update on the CARES project.

Carla McLaughlin with the city of Turlock gave an update on park equipment that had been installed and how it is being used by the community.

John Mataka with the Grayson Neighborhood Council commented on the amount of funding for different projects and hoped that consideration is given to include all communities.

III. Consent Calendar and Agenda Items

A. \*Approved Commission meeting minutes for February 26, 2002

- B. \*Approved Correspondence received
- C. \*Approved Administrative Committee report
- D. \*Approved dues for the California Children and Families Association
- E. \*Approved Stanislaus County Children's Council funding request for strategic planning

Commissioner Paul made a motion to approval all consent calendar items. Commissioner Walker seconded the motion. The consent calendar was unanimously approved.

- F. The Commission was given a presentation by members of the Stanislaus County Black Infant Health Task Force. Dr. Lynette Grandison, a Ceres pediatrician, and Cle Moore, with the Health Services Agency, shared infant mortality rate data and emphasized the importance of educating the community on health care and nutrition for children.
- G. Representatives from SCOE gave presentations about programs under the master contract for Early Childcare. Information was given for the following: Alternative Payment Program, Child Care Grant Funding, the Child Care Provider Academy, and Healthy Start Support. Commissioner Walker moved to accept recommendations for elements of the Early Childcare program. Commissioner Souza seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Commission.
- H. Commission accountant Brenda Priest-O'Brien gave a financial report presentation. The report featured revenue budget operating projections for 2001-2003. Chair Green made a motion to approve the report which was seconded by Commissioner Kohrman. The motion was unanimously approved by the Commission.
- I. Commission and committee vacancies were discussed with staff recommending that committees be restructured and formalized. Commissioner Souza moved that efforts be made to solicit applications to fill the District 3 seat. If there were no responses, the seat could be opened up to community representatives from other districts. Vice Chair Perez seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Commission.
- J. The Commission opened a public hearing on the California Children and Families Commission Annual Report. There was not public comment. Commissioner Walker made a motion to accept the report and Commissioner Acosta seconded it. The motion was unanimously approved.

#### IV. Commission Reports/Announcements

Chair Green, Vice-Chair Perez and Commissioner Paul gave reports on the California Children and Families conference they attended in San Diego March 21-22.

#### V. Staff Reports

Executive Director Paramo reported that the master contract for the Early Childcare Program had been signed with the Stanislaus County of Education/Modesto City Schools. The contract with Behavioral Health and Recovery Services had also been signed. Paramo also informed the Commission about a joint letter from Commission executive directors. The letter highlights Prop. 10 funding in legislators districts and its impact on communities. Paramo also gave a report on the upcoming Commissioner retreat and plans to move the Commission office to the county facility on Paradise Road.

VI. Correspondence

Correspondence was received from the city of Riverbank requesting funding.

VII. Chair Green adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.